SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published in the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, and in the Crawford County Bulletin, a newspaper published in the town of Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, both publications to be without expense to the state.

Approved February 21, 1898.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register February 23, 1898, and in the Crawford County Bulletin March 3, 1898.

G. L. DOBSON, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 169.

H. F. 36.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of the board of directors of the independent school district of Stuart, in the levying of taxes for school purposes.

WHEREAS, The board of directors of the independent school district of Stuart, in Guthrie and Adair counties, Iowa on or about the 4th dry of August, A. D. 1897, levied a tax upon property within said independent district, for school purposes, levying ten mills on said taxable property for the teachers' fund, one mill for school house fund, and four mills for contingent fund, for the running expenses of the public schools of said independent school district; and

WHEREAS, Doubt has arisen concerning the legality of said tax levy, for the reason that the same was not made within the time prescribed by law, and, for the reason that the law was not in all particulars fully complied with in the making, levying and certifying of said tax; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Certified at wrong time. That the tax levy and estimate made by the board of directors of the independent school district of Stuart, in Guthrie and Adair counties, Iowa, on or about the 4th day of August, A. D. 1897, to provide funds for the running expenses of the schools of said independent school district, and all of the official acts of the board of directors in connection therewith be, and the same are hereby legalized and made valid and binding for all intents and purposes, the same as though said levy, estimate, and certificate of the same were made in strict conformity with all of the requirements of the law. But nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and effect from and after its publication in the Des Moines Register, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Stuart News,

a newspaper published in Stuart, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved February 21, 1898.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register February 23, 1898, and in the Stuart News February 24, 1898.

G. L. DOBSON, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 170.

AN ACT to legalize a conveyance by the independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, to John F. Rugg.

WHEREAS, The independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, purchased from A. C. Leighton lands on which to erect its new high school building and accepted from him a deed therefor; and,

WHEREAS, The board of directors of said district on Jan. 17th, 1898, without being authorized by a vote of the electors of said district, conveyed to John F. Rugg, a lot 60 feet by 165 feet off the southeast side of said grounds,